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## Report of the Secretary for the Year 1904.

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In pursuance of the authority given him by the Executive Council, the Secretary prepared and sent out to a selected list of persons the following letter of invitation to membership:

BALTIMORE, MD., JANUARY, 1904.

DEAR SIR:

As the result of a movement begun more than a year ago there has been established an *American Political Science Association*, the object of which is to advance the scientific study of Politics, Public Law, Administration and Diplomacy, by bringing into closer personal contact persons interested in this general field of thought, by encouraging research, by furnishing at its annual meetings opportunities for discussion, by aiding, to the extent of its financial ability, in the collection of valuable material, and by the publication of important papers. The Association will thus seek to do for Political Science a work similar to that now being done by the American Historical and American Economic Associations for History and Economics respectively. It will be the policy of this new Association to maintain as close and harmonious relations as possible with these two older associations, and, when possible, to hold its annual meetings at the same times and places.

In order to cover effectively the whole field of Political Science, the Association will distribute its work among sections, devoted respectively to such topics as International Law and Diplomacy, Comparative Legislation, Historical and Comparative Jurisprudence, Constitutional Law, Administration, Politics, and Political Theory.

It is desired to emphasize the fact that this Association has been established with the idea of interesting and securing the active co-operation not only of persons engaged in academic instruction, but of public administrators, lawyers of broader culture, and, in general, of all those interested in the scientific study

of the great and increasingly important questions of practical and theoretical politics in this country and abroad.

At the meeting at which the Association was established (New Orleans, La., December 30, 1903) the following officers were elected for the current year:

*President*, F. J. Goodnow, Professor of Administrative Law, Columbia University.

*First Vice-President*, ——— ———.

*Second Vice-President*, Paul S. Reinsch, Professor of Political Science, University of Wisconsin.

*Third Vice-President*, Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin, of New Haven, Conn.

*Secretary and Treasurer*, W. W. Willoughby, Associate Professor of Political Science, Johns Hopkins University.

Associated with these in the government of the association were elected the following members of the Executive Council:

Hon. Andrew D. White, former Ambassador to Germany; Jesse Macy, Professor of Political Science, Iowa College; H. P. Judson, Professor of Political Science, University of Chicago; L. S. Rowe, Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania; Dr. Albert Shaw, Editor Review of Reviews; Bernard Moses, Professor of Political Science, University of California; J. A. Fairlie, Professor of Administrative Law, University of Michigan; W. A. Schaper, Professor of Political Science, University of Minnesota.

Article III. of the Constitution provides that "Any Person may become a member of this Association upon payment of three dollars, and after the first year may continue such by paying an annual fee of three dollars. By a single payment of fifty dollars any person may become a life member, exempt from annual dues.

Each member will be entitled to a copy of all the publications of the Association issued during his or her membership.

This letter is sent to you as one thought likely to be interested in the work of the Association, and as such you are cordially invited to become one of its members.

Sincerely yours,

W. W. WILLOUGHBY,

*Secretary American Political Science Association.*

In response to this invitation, during the year, two hundred and fourteen persons became members of the Association. Of these nine became life members.

The first annual meeting of the Association was held in Chicago, December 28-30, 1904, upon the invitation of the University of Chicago and the Northwestern University. The programme of papers read and discussions had been already set forth.

The following hospitalities were extended to the Association:

The courtesy of the Quadrangle Club, Fifty-Eighth street and Lexington avenue, and of the City Club, 178 East Madison street, was extended to non-resident members of the Association. The members of the associations, and ladies accompanying them, were invited to a luncheon in Hutchinson Hall, on Wednesday, at 1 p. m. The Chicago Historical Society offered a reception on Wednesday evening, after the conclusion of the exercises held in its hall. Besides the Society's permanent exhibit of interesting manuscripts relating to Western history, and a loan exhibit of similar character from the Jesuit College in Montreal, Mr. Edward E. Ayer offered an exhibition in the Society's rooms of specimens of his rare books, manuscripts and maps relating to the history of the Philippine Islands. President Harper invited the members and ladies accompanying them to a reception at his house, Fifty-Ninth street and Lexington avenue, on Thursday afternoon. On Thursday evening, after the conclusion of the exercises, there was a "smoker," for the gentlemen of the Association, during which the ladies were entertained by Mrs. Mary J. Wilmarth and Mrs. James Westfall Thompson, at the latter's residence, 5747 Washington avenue

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MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, DECEMBER 29, 1904.

At a meeting of the Executive Council, held December 29, 1904, at which Messrs. F. J. Goodnow, J. A. Fairlie, H. P. Judson, Jesse Macy, L. S. Rowe, W. A. Schaper, and W. W. Willoughby were present, the following business was transacted.

A committee, to be composed of the President and Secretary of the Association, was appointed to act in co-operation with similarly appointed representatives of the American Historical

and American Economic Associations upon the time and place of the next annual meeting, including the power to appoint the committee upon local arrangements.

A committee composed of Messrs. F. J. Goodnow, Robert H. Whitten, and W. W. Willoughby was appointed to consider the future policy of the Association in the matter of the publication by it of its annual proceedings, and of such other material as might be offered to it or prepared under its direction. It was, however, decided by the Council that for the year 1905 the Association should not attempt anything further than the publication, in bound form, of the proceedings of its annual meeting of December 28-30, 1904, which should include the printing *in extenso* of the papers read, and abstracts of the discussions had thereupon.

Messrs. L. S. Rowe and W. A. Schaper were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

Messrs. C. E. Merriam (Chairman), G. G. Wilson, and W. A. Schaper were appointed a committee, with power to add additional members, to undertake during the year 1905 the work of securing new members to the Association. Authority was given to this committee to expend such amounts as should be necessary for the prosecution of this work, such expenditures, however, to be previously sanctioned by the President and Treasurer of the Association.

In place of the "Standing Committees" appointed by the Executive Council December 31, 1903, the following "Sections" were created:

- Comparative Legislation.
- International Law and Diplomacy.
- Public Administration.
- Municipal Government.
- Constitutional Law.
- Colonies and Dependencies.
- Political Parties.
- Political Theory.
- Instruction in Political Science.

The "Standing Committees" appointed December 31, 1903, were thereupon discharged, and the President of the Association authorized to appoint a chairman for each of the newly

created "Sections," each of such chairmen to be empowered to organize his respective section and to make such necessary expenditures as might be approved by the President and Treasurer of the Association. The President, in pursuance of the power thus given him, appointed the following chairmen:

- J. W. Jenks, Comparative Legislation.
  - T. S. Woolsey, International Law and Diplomacy.
  - S. E. Sparling, Public Administration.
  - L. S. Rowe, Municipal Government.
  - Isidor Loeb, Constitutional Law.
  - Paul S. Reinsch, Colonies and Dependencies.
  - C. E. Merriam, Political Parties.
  - W. W. Willoughby, Political Theory.
  - W. A. Schaper, Instruction in Political Science.
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#### BUSINESS MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION, DECEMBER 30, 1904.

The meeting was called to order with President Goodnow in the chair.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and approved. A resolution of thanks was unanimously adopted, expressing the appreciation of the Association for the courtesies and hospitalities extended it during its Chicago meeting. There was also unanimously adopted a resolution thanking the American Historical and the American Economic Associations for the hearty and generous manner in which they had received the newly established American Political Science Association into equal fellowship with themselves.

Upon the proposal of Mr. Whitten, chairman of the Committee on Comparative Legislation, the following resolution was adopted:

"WHEREAS, The increasing intimacy of social and commercial relations and the demand for accurate knowledge concerning the legislation and experience of the various states and of foreign countries renders highly important the more complete organization of the material of comparative legislation:

*Resolved*, That the American Political Science Association commends the project of the librarian of Congress for an index

of foreign legislation and urges upon Congress the importance of making adequate provision therefor.

*Resolved*, That the Association commends the work in comparative legislation now performed by various departments of the national government, notably the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Commerce and Labor, and urges the continuance and extension of this work so as to cover all subjects of legislation that come within the province of the various departments and bureaus."

The chair, upon motion, appointed Messrs. J. A. Woodburn, Robert H. Whitten, Isidor Loeb, S. E. Sparling and Ernst Freund a committee to make nominations for officers of the Association for the year 1905. This committee thereupon placed in nomination the following persons, all of whom were unanimously elected to the offices indicated.

*President*: Professor Frank J. Goodnow.

*First Vice-president*: Dr. Albert Shaw.

*Second Vice-president*: Professor J. W. Jenks.

*Third Vice-president*: Hon. F. N. Judson.

*Secretary and Treasurer*: Professor W. W. Willoughby.

*Executive Council*: Professors L. S. Rowe, W. A. Schaper, J. A. Woodburn, G. G. Wilson, P. S. Reinsch.

The Association then adjourned *sine die*.

W. W. WILLOUGHBY, *Secretary*.